

# ROOTS ALA RANCHO



Roots of Creation/Grateful Dub  
Rancho Relaxo ATX  
9.6.24



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“The question is not what you look at, but what you see.”

Henry David Thoreau



# From the Author

Rarely have I seen artist, venue, and audience so well suited as at Roots of Creation's Sept. 6, 2024, show at Rancho Relaxo in Dale, TX.

The band was hot. One set of Roots music. Then, "Grateful Dub," the group's reggae take on Grateful Dead tunes. Both sets jam-heavy.

The quality of the sound matched the intensity of the music. Leading the sound check, saxophonist Andrew Riordan meticulously attended to detail. Each voice and instrument calibrated to the space.

The crowd could and did appreciate it. Very classic Austin. Elder Austin, to be sure. Many from the family. Very in tune to great tunes. Quite at home at the Rancho.

The distance from Austin and camping-friendly grounds encourage overnight stays. Tents pitched under acres of live oaks create a festival vibe among guests and performers. It's 20 miles down the road from the old home of Old Settler's Music Festival - a much larger venue with a similar spirit.

A small, well-lit stage and a flagstone patio sandwiched between the owner's home and a private space for performers comprise the Rancho Relax concert space. A brightly colored, very-Dead mural fills one wall: a large Stealie, several dancing skeletons, a hatching terrapin, a Doo-Dah Man, and a cartoon Jerry. It's a (very, very) Deadhead-friendly, hippy haven.

Thank you to Brett Wilson of Roots of Creation for granting my camera and I pretty much unrestricted access to the show. And thanks to Leo Bingley and the good folks who run Rancho Relaxo for booking this wonderful talent and making their home such a welcome venue for great music and great times.

I hope the photos in this book help you see and feel what these artists were feeling. Maybe you can even imagine the actual notes and melodies that accompanied the moment my shutter opened and closed.

If you're enjoying this book, check out my first volume of concert photographs, *Beauty is in the Eye of the Musician*, available on Amazon

See the beauty.



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Austin, Texas







# RANCHO RELAXO

ROOTS  
Roland SL

CRASH  
DUB!

Man in white tank top and grey shorts, seen from behind, gesturing with both hands raised in the air.

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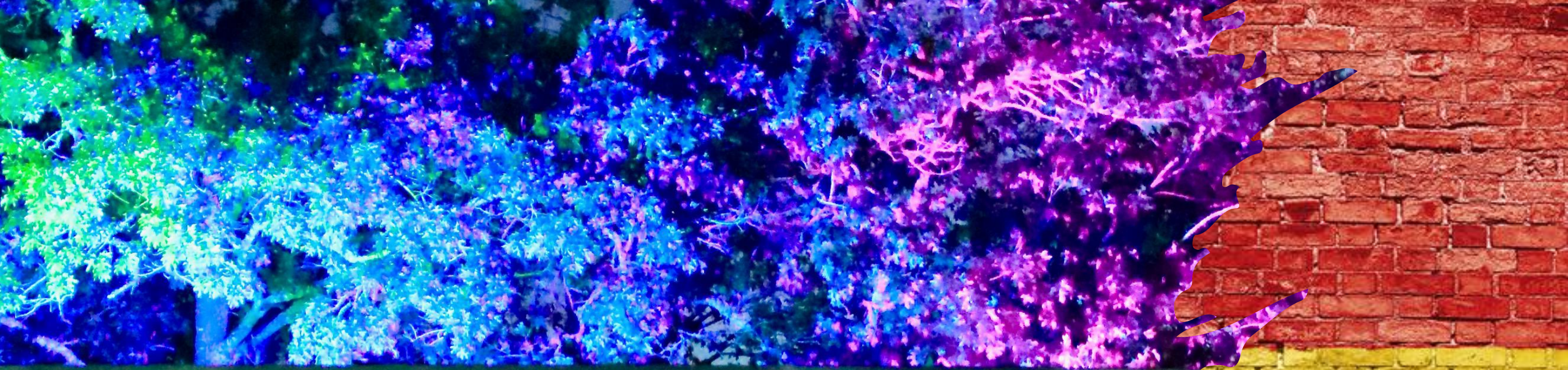
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BE KIND

COMPASS ROSE TATTOO

SMALL TATTOOS ON LEFT ARM













SET ONE - ROOTS OF CREATION













































































Once in a while

you get shown the

light in the strangest

of places if you

look at it right